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Reply to Restriction Requirement of January 19, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this response, claim 1-10 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-3 are canceled as being directed to an invention withdrawn from consideration by this response.

Claims 4-10 remain for consideration by the Examiner.

Claim Restrictions

In the Office Action, originally-filed claims 1-10 were subjected to a restriction requirement as being directed to two distinct inventions. Claims 1-3 were said to be drawn to a process and placed in Group I. Claims 4-10 were said to be drawn to an apparatus and placed in Group II. The Examiner requested that Applicant elect one of the two inventions represented by the claims in Groups I and II for examination.

In response, Applicant elects the claims of Group II (i.e., claims 4-10) for examination by the Examiner. This election is made without traverse, and claims 1-3 are canceled to facilitate prompt allowance of the elected claims.

Conclusions

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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